Alexandria Daily Advertiser.

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Public Sale.

On FRIDAY next,
At 10 o'clock, will be sold at the Voudue Store,
RUM
In hhds. and bls. French Brandy in pipes,
Gin in pipes and bls.
Whiskey and Apple Bandy in bls.
Sugar in hhds. tierces and bls.
Chocolate
White and brown Soap and } in boxes,
Mould and dipt Candles
Raisins in kegs, boxes and jars,
Figs in kegs and frails,
Queen's Ware in crates,
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
&c. ——Also,
A Variety of DRY GOODS,
among which are
Cloths, Coatings, Kersemeres,
Duffils, Plains, Kerseys, Negro Cottons,
Serges, Elasticks, Blue Friezes,
Cassimeres Russels, Yarn Stockings,
Chintzes and Callicoes,
Irish Linens, Silesia do.
Osnaburgs and Ticklenburgs,
Muslin and Muslin Handkerchiefs,
India Muslins and Table Clothes,
Bandanna Handkerchiefs,
Colour'd Threads, Hats and sundry other articles.

Philip G. Marsteller.

Dec 20.

FOR SALE,
On board the sloop COLUMBIA, at A. and E. JANNEY's wharf;
New-England Rum, in hogsheads, tierces and barrels.
Sweet Cyder, in barrels.
Potatoes,
70 barrels Boston Beef.
Few boxes Sweet Oil, in flasks,
Boxes of Shoes, &c. &c. &c.

☞ Said sloop is offered for sale, freight, or charter. Apply to Captain *Gardner* on board, or to JOHN C. LADD.

January 12.

TANNERS OIL.

30 bbls. best Brown Tanners Oil,
For Sale by
LAWRASON & FOWLE.

Also on hand.

A few hhds. retailing Molasses,
Hogsheads and barrels Muscovado sugar,
Mould Candles, Soap No. 1 and 2,
New Tea, Bohea inspection,
Mackeral, Ruffia and Ravens Duck,
Sewing Twine Sheathing Paper,
Souchong Tea, &c.
And a few boxes fresh Chocolate.

Jan. 8. dtf

COTTOM & STEWART,
HAVE FOR SALE,
A few Copies of the Works of Wm. SMITH, D. D.
Late Provost of the College and Academy of Philadelphia. ——Also,
THE AMERICAN GARDNER,
CONTAINING
Ample directions for working a kitchen garden every month in the year; and copious instructions for the calculation of Flower Gardens, Vineyards, and Nurseries, Hop Yards, Green Houses, and Hot Houses.

By Gardiner and Hepburn,
Late Gardeners to Gov. Mercer and Gen. Mason.

Feb. 1.

MISCELLANEOUS POETRY,
elected generally from the moft entertaining and inftructive writings of the Britifh poets.
(By the Rev. THOMAS DAVIS.)
In two Volumes, Octavo.
Price two and an half Dollars.
Sold by Robert Gray, & the Author.

A gentleman well known in Philadelphia, and who is greatly refpected as a clergyman and highly eftemed as a man of letters, has given the following opinion of this felection:

"The two volumes of Select Poetry, form a valuable contribution to the ftock of Engliſh literature. I really conſider the work as the beſt compilation now extant. The ſelections and arrangements evince the taſte of a correct and polifhed mind, the judgment of a ſound and benevolent moraliſt, and that degree of critical ſkill which can only be acquired by extenſive reading and ſcholaſtic acquirements."

February 4. d

Freight will be taken,

In the cabin of the ſhip OLIVE-BRANCH, for ROTTERDAM; and two or three paſſengers may be accommodated. Expected to ſail in twelve or fifteen days. Apply to the maſter on board, or to

Rickets, Newton & Co.

January 12.

For Sale, or Charter,

The SCHOONER
ENTERPRIZE,
Laying at Ramſay's wharf; burthen about 650 barrels, well found, and ready to take in a cargo. For terms apply to

ROBERT B. JAMESSON,
OR TO
MANDEVILLE & JAMESSON;
Who have for Sale,
New-England RUM, in hogſheads and barrels.

Dec. 29.

For Sale or Freight,

The SCHOONER
BETSY;
Burthen 800 barrels; a faithful well built veſſel, and ſails well; built in the year 1802; and now lying at *Merchant's* wharf. For terms apply to

Benjamin Shreve, jun.

Jan. 2. d

Benjamin Shreve, Jun.
HAS FOR SALE,
Twelve bales of INDIA COTTONS,
CONSISTING OF
3 bales Biſhwa Emerty
2 do. Coomorcally Sannahs
1 do. Jallapore do.
1 do. Seerpoore Baftahs
1 do. Collypatty do.
2 do. Cogmary Coſſahs
1 do. Johannah do.
1 do. Doncaſter Chintz, and
3 caſes Bandanna Handkerchiefs
2 ſacks Sago
3 cheſts Hyſon Tea
32 pieces Ruſſia Sheetings
9 do. Ravens Duck
15 bags Black Pepper
1 caſe Wool Hats
Mens' coarſe and fine Shoes
Womens' and childrens' Morocco do.
Sole and Upper Leather
A few Coils Cordage
Snuff in half barrels and kegs
3 pipes 4th proof Cogniac Brandy
2 hhds. Armagnac do.
5 hhds. and 12 barrels Sugar
25 bbls. Beef, Salem inſpection
6 do. beſt brown TANNER'S OIL.

January 1. d

For Sale by the Subſcribers,
Muſcovado ſugar in hhds.
Green Coffee in tierces
Antigua & Tobago rum in hhds.
Cogniac Brandy in pipes
AND A FEW
Barrels of Prime BEEF.

Nathaniel Wattles, & Co.

Jan. 24. dtf.

WILLIAM OXLEY
HAS ON HAND,
Which he will diſpoſe of on terms advantageous to the purchaſers, for caſh or notes,
The following Articles, viz.
Superfine and ſecond cloths
Kerſeymeres and ſwandowns
Beaſkins and fearnoughts
Durants and callimancoes
Bombazets and wildbores
Common and boil'd cambleta
Silk, cotton, and worſted hoſiery
Engliſh extra long ſilk gloves
Silk twiſt and thread
Diaper and common tapes
Paper and pound pins
White and printed marſeilles
Laces, dittoes and gimps
Elegant black and white lace veils;
Patent do. do.
Satin peelong and ſilk handkerchiefs,
4-4, 9-8, and 6-4 Cambrick muſlins
India Jaconet do.
Fuſtians, buckram, &c. &c.

ALSO,
A few bales of Negro Caddies, and one trunk and cotton ſtrings.

January 7. d

JAMES SANDERSON,
Has juſt received the following articles,
12 Pipes London P. Madeira Wine, of a ſuperior quality.
Old Port Wine in hhds. qr. Caſks and Bottles.
Burgundy in Bottles,
Sherry in qr. Caſks,
Cogniac Brandy,
Jamaica Spirits,
Holand Gin,
Peach Brandy, very old,
Whiſkey,
Loaf, and Muſcovado Sugars,
Imperial, } TEAS
Hyſon, } *of the lateſt Importation.*
Young Hyſon, }
Hyſon Skin, }
Cloves, Nutmegs, Mace,
Alſpice, Black Pepper,
Ground Ginger, Salt Peter,
Soap by the box,
Britiſh Sail Canvas,
Ruſſia Duck, firſt quality,
German Ticklenburgs, and Oſnaburgs,
Coarſe Hats in caſes,
Juniper Berries in bags,
Stone Ware,
5 qr. Caſks Engliſh Battle Gun Powder, in pound papers ſealed,
1 Large Scal Beam with Box Ends,
And Scales compleat of a ſuperior quality.
A few bags of firſt quality GREEN COFFEE.

Nov. 8. d.

THE SUBSCRIBERS
Are now landing and offer for ſale at the ſtore lately occupied by R. B. Jameſon
20 Bales Prime Upland Cotton,
20 Hhds. Muſcovado Sugar,
2 Puncheons Iriſh Whiſkey,
15 Puncheons Old, and fine flavored Jamaica Rum,
5 Pipes Holand Gin,
20 Pipes Cogniac Brandy,
30 Qr. Cheſts of the beſt Teas, aſſorted, from hea to Imperial,
8050 Bbls. of 1ſt and 2d quality refined Sugar,
2 Hhds. Madder,
4 Hhds. Green Coperaſs,
6 Tierces Roll Brimſtone,
2 Hhds. Allum,
1 Tierce Glauber Salts,
10 Pipes of Old London Particular Madeira,
5 Pipes of full Bodied Port,
20 Qr. Caſks Sherry,
2 Pipes fine Liſbon,
8 Pipes Particular Tenneriffe,
30 Qr. Caſks Malaga,
50 Caſks Claret,
1 Caſe of Nutmegs, Mace, and Cloves,
5 Bales Caſſia,
500 lbs. Pepper,
100 lbs. Pimento,
800 lbs. Ground Ginger,
1000 lbs. Race, do.
200 Boxes Godfrolds, (ſuperfine) Segars, in half boxes,
70 Boxes St. Jago, do.
3 Pipes beſt (French) Vinegar,
10 Bales Almonds,
1 Cask Pearl Barley,
15 Hhds. Bright Molaſſes,
15 Boxes Superfine Chocolate,
40 Boxes Mould and Dipt Candles,
30 boxes Brown and White Soap,
100 Boxes Hunters Pipes,
20 boxes of Muſtard,
1 Caſe Cayenne Pepper,
Baſket Salt,
Fine Poland Starch,
100 Demijohns, aſſorted,
700 lbs Refined Salt Petre,
30 qr. Caſks Beſt Engliſh F. Gunpowder,
Do. in lb. Papers,
Do. in Canniſters,
20 Boxes Fig Blue,
3 Scroons fine florant Indigo,
Lieper, and Hamilton's Snuff,
1 Caſe of Maccouba, do.
1 Do. French Rappee.

Mandeville & Jameſon.

Nov. 30. d

For Sale, by the Subſcriber,
A few tierces excellent Rice.
Six hhds beſt retailing Molaſſes.
Sixteen hhds. Surinam Sugars.
A few hundred buſhels of coarſe Salt.

Dec. 17. *J. G. Ladd.*

WILLIAM HODGSON
HAS RECEIVED, & OFFERS FOR SALE,
160 pieces twilled Sacking, and
3 caſes Cotton Hoſiery, well aſſorted.

TUNIS CRAVEN
Has juſt received via. Philadelphia an elegant aſſortment of
GOODS,
ſuitable to the preſent ſeaſon
——AMONG WHICH ARE——
Beſt London Superfine and ſecond Cloths,
Caſſimeres, frizes,
Coatings, Bearſkins,
Plains, Surges & Flannels,
Mole Skin, Toilenett,
Swanſdown, and Marſeilles,
Velvet, Conſtitution,
Hourins, and Genoa, Cords,
¾ & ⅞ Iriſh Linen,
Shirting Cotton, long Lawn,
Estapaloes, Britannias White, and Brown,
Plantillas,
Creas, Dowlas, Ticklenburgs,
Osanburgs and Heſſians,
Worſted, Cotton, & Silk Hoſiery,
Roſe, and Duffell Blankets,
Chintz's, Calicoes, & Colored Cambrics,
do. do. Furniture,
Ladies Patent Cloth
Linen, & Cotton Fabric,
Cambric, Jaconet, Mull Mull, & Book Muſlin,
do. Tamboured, and Sprigged,
Lace Cambrics,
Harnſhed and Finiſhed Shawls,
Camels Hair, do.
India Book Muſlin, Handkerchiefs,
Black Laces, Veils, Edgings,
Laces Imperial, and Pic Nic Mats,
Extra Long ſilk & Wath Leather Gloves,
Italian Plaid Silks, Cambray, do.
Marking & Sewing Silk,
Silk Cords, and Taſſels,
Oſtrich Feathers,
Artificial Flowers, and Ribons,
Tambouring Cotton,
Fringed & Plain, Cotton Counterpins,
Baſtas, Emeries, Gunnahs, &c.

Alſo——By wholeſale.
2 Caſes Chintzes and Callicoes
At very reduced prices.

Nov. 15. dtf.

JAMES BACON,
AT HIS GROCERY STORE,
King near Waſhington ſtreet,
Has juſt received from Philadelphia, New-York &c. an extenſive ſelection of GROCERIES conſiſting of
Gunpowder, } TEAS
Imperial, } *Of the lateſt Importation and particularly choſen.*
Hyſon, }
Young Hyſon, }
Hyſon Skin, }
Peko, Padra, }
Pouchong and }
Com'n Souchong }
Green coffee of ſuperior quality,
Loaf, Lump and Muſcovado Sugar,
W India and Sugar Houſe Molaſſes,
Choice old Madeira, } WINES.
Particular Teneriffe, }
Sherry, }
Bruſſels, }
Liſbon, }
Malaga and }
Port }
Claret in ſmall caſes,
Cogniac and Barcelona Brandy,
Old Jamaica Spirits,
Antigua, } RUM.
St. Croix, and }
St. Kitts }
Beſt Holland Gin,
White Wine and Cyder Vinegar,
Beſt Sallad Oil,
Salt Petre, Allum, Copperas & Brimſtone,
Mace, Nutmegs, Cloves and Caſſia,
Cayenne and black Pepper,
Alſpice, race and ground Ginger,
Fig Blue and Poland Starch,
Dixon's Muſtard,
Lieper's and Hamilton's Snuff,
Beſt Chewing Tobacco,
Spaniſh Segars,
Pearl Barley and Rice,
Shot aſſorted,
F and F F Gunpowder,
Gun and Piſtols Flints,
Single and double Battle do. in papers and canniſters,
White and brown Soap,
Mould and dipt Candles, &c. &c.

As he has in a great meaſure laid himſelf out for the ſupplying of private families and in conſequence thereof taken every pains poſſible in the ſelection of his goods, he flatter, himſelf from their ſuperior quality, and the low prices at which he will diſpoſe of them, to be able to give ſatisfaction to thoſe who will pleaſe to favor him with their cuſtom.

June 11. d

NEW-YORK LOTTERY, No. 3.

A FEW TICKETS in the Third Claſs of the Lottery for the promotion of Literature in the ſtate of New-York, for Sale by the printer hereof. Prizes in the Second Claſs will be taken in exchange. December 27.

PUBLIC SALE.

On WEDNESDAY next, will be sold, on the premises,

A Lease of a Lot of Ground,

Having about 7 years to run.

THE lot is enclosed, and a building thereon, lately occupied as a Coopers shop, situate on Union Street, between Duke and Wolf Streets. A long credit will be given for part of the purchase. Terms, &c. will be made known at the place of sale.

Philip G. Marsteller.

February 11.

PUBLIC SALE.

On WEDNESDAY, 13th February 1805, will be sold on the premises to the highest bidder, that valuable

LOT OF GROUND,

situate on the corner of Duke and Union streets, together with all the improvements thereon, consisting of a two story frame House, late the property of Samuel Hilton. A credit of 6 and 12 months will be given on part of the purchase money.

James Davidson,
P. G. Marsteller.

Dec. 5. 2wfeb.

Notice.

The Subscriber intending to leave Alexandria, requests those who are indebted to him to make payment of their accounts by the 1st of next month.

Thos. Semmes.

Feb. 11. d

AMERICAN GARDENER.

A FEW COPIES FOR SALE, BY

ROBERT GRAY, King-street.

February 9. d.

District of Columbia—to wit.

WHEREAS Joseph Jarbos hath, by his petition in writing, applied to the Honorable Nicholas Fitzhugh, one of the Assistant Judges of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, to be admitted to the benefit of the act of Congress for the relief of insolvent debtors, within the District aforesaid, and has stated therein that he is in actual confinement in the jail of Alexandria County at the suit of George Degan and others, and being unable to discharge the said claim with others against him has offered to deliver up to the use of his creditors all his property real, personal and mixed. Notice is therefore given to the creditors of the said Joseph Jarbos, that on Thursday the 14th of this month between the hours of 9 and 2 o'clock, at the Court House in Alexandria the oath of insolvent debtor will be administered to the said Joseph Jarbos, and a trustee appointed agreeable to the said act of Congress, unless cause be then and there shewn to the contrary.

By order of the honorable Nicholas Fitzhugh, assistant judge of the circuit court of the district of Columbia, this 11th day of February, 1805.

G. DENEALE, C. C.

d3t

Runaway Negro Girl.

Ran away, from the subscriber, on Monday, the 4th of February, a Negro Girl, named ELSE; aged 13 years, about 4 feet 7 inches high—she is rather cropped in one ear—took with her the following clothes, viz. A grey coating jacket and coat joined together; also, a grey coating rapper with the body lined with flannel, a coat and jacket of blue and white striped cotton; the said jacket and coat were joined together; also, a blue cloth petticoat, with a grey coating body, blue stockings.

Whoever shall take said Negro girl within the district, shall have a reward of EIGHT DOLLARS; if taken 10 miles from Alexandria, FIFTEEN DOLLARS; and 20 miles, THIRTY DOLLARS, if secured in any goal so that I get her again.

THOMAS RICHARDS.

February 6. d

N. B. It is likely said Negro may be gone to the City of Washington, as she has an aunt there, or to Mr. Bellmine's plantation; she being well acquainted with his negroes.

*** All masters of vessels, waggoners and others, are forewarned from harboring, employing, or carrying off said slave; under no less penalty than the extent of the law made and provided in such cases.

☞ *A good* BLACKSMITH *wanted.*

I have as good a stand for a Blacksmith that is a good workman, as any in the district of Columbia, with a good shop and set of tools; a comfortable dwelling house, and a very good garden enclosed; that I will either rent or take a smith on shares, or on wages, as may be most agreeable to the applicant.

John Ball.

Alexandria County, District of Columbia, Feb. 2, 1805. } law3t

PHILADELPHIA, February 8.

Pretensions, which militate against the independence and interests of the United States, whether raised by a British or French Minister, are alike inadmissible, and must ever be resisted.

WE this day place before the people of the United States, ALL the dotuments on which the President grounded his suggestion to the Legislature, respecting the irregularities of our armed merchant vessels, and which resulted in a bill to disarm them. These documents, *on the express request of the Senate,* were laid before that honorable Body.

We entreat every American, who boasts himself the citizen of an independent nation, and who knows that his nation is at this time is engaged in a war, which employs every ship, and demands all the disposeable resources of the United States, to peruse these papers with serious attention; and, in the sincerity of his heart, as a Freeman and Patriot, say whether they contain a single reason, to have authorised the suggestion on the part of the Executive, or that should induce to government of the United States to relinquish their rights of sovereignty, and their indispensable duty to protect the property, the liberty, and the lives of our citizens.

Under what impressions, other than those stated in their memorials, the Ministers of France and England hoped to accomplish their purposes, we pretend not to determine.

It is sufficient to say, that in these memorials they have not adduced a single argument that cannot be refuted by a reference to communications heretofore entertained with their respective predecessors; and which Mr. Jefferson should have spared the people over whom he presides, the necessity of recapitulating. Does that gentleman recollect his correspondence with Mr. Genet, and with Mr. Hammond—or, as the former Minister alledged, has he still a language official, and a language confidential?"

Are we a great, a powerful, and an intelligent people, possessing, in common with all nations, the rights of self-defence, and of waging war against those, who would plunder our property, and murder, or enslave our persons? Or are we a mere herd of animals, dependant for our existence on the will of any nation that chooses to prescribe the bounds we are to observe?

Would the government of England, or of France, when engaged in war with any power whatever, permit another nation to say that they must disarm their ships, and expose their subject a defenceless prey to their enemy?—No—the Minister, to whatever nation he might belong, who should hold such language in Great Britain, or in France, would be answered with very little ceremony—It behoves the United States to be equally explicit, and to say, without reserve, to the Minister of every nation—

We are an independent people, and a belligerent power—it consists not with the honor of our nation, or the safety and interest of our citizens, to prevent the arming of our ships, or the exportation of any articles, the growth or manufacture of the United States. The risk of trading in those articles that are contraband of war, must remain with the individuals who deal in them.——But, to guard against any contingency of that nature, the United States will neither compromise their sovereignty, nor surrender the privileges of the honest merchant.

In considering these documents, the mind is lost in astonishment at the assurance which could offer, and the imbecility that could receive, the objections they contain as authority for setting aside the rights of a free people.

Mr. Merry, who is the representative of a commercial and manufacturing nation, and who is, moreover, a regularly bred diplomatist, should have known better. Will that gentleman be so good as to say, in what page of the annals of Great Britain we can find the precedent of her conformity to such a request? Will he undertake to say, that if the minister of any nation whatever had demanded from the British government the disarming of her ships, and the suspension of her manufactures of steel and iron, lest when exported in the shape of contraband, they might fall into the hands, by capture or purchase, of a belligerent power, he would not have been told, this is an interference in concerns, respecting which your commission gives no cognizance?

There is but one circumstance in the whole of this extraordinary procedure at which we cease to wonder—and that is the correct knowledge which both ministers seem to have had of their man.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

To the SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

According to the desire expressed in your resolution of the 28th instant, I now communicate a report of the secretary of state, with documents relative to complaints against arming the merchant ships and vessels of the United States, and the conduct of the captains and crews of such as have been armed.

Th: Jefferson.

Jan. 31st, 1805.

The secretary of state, to whom the president of the United States has been pleased to refer the resolution of the Senate, of the 28th instant, requesting that there may be laid before the Senate such documents and papers, or other information, as the president should judge proper, relative to the complaints against arming the merchant ships or vessels of the United States, or the conduct of the captains and crews of such as have been armed—has the honor to annex thereto;

1st. A copy of a letter addressed to the secretary of state, by the envoy of Great Britain, dated, on the 31st of August last.

2d. an extract of a letter to the same, from the late charge de affairs of France, dated the 6th May last, which was preceded & followed by other letters, and conversations of the same gentleman, urging the subject upon the attention of the government. It has been also urged, by the present minister of France, in his interviews with the secretary of state.

One of the inclosures alluded to in the aforesaid letter and extract the only authenticated statement relative to the conduct of American private armed vessels, which have been received at this department, is contained in the annexed letter, from Mr. George Barnewell of New-York and the document accompanying it.

Alll which is respectfully submitted,

James Madison.

Department of State, Jan. 21st 1805.

[No. I.]

Mr. Merry, to the Secretary of State.

Philadelphia, August 31st, 1804.

SIR,

I have received information respecting several vessels which have of late been armed in, and have sailed from the different ports of the United States, some loaded with articles contraband of war, (gun-powder is said to be the general article) others with cargoes of innocent goods, and others again in ballast. After the diligent enquiry which it has been my duty to make on so important a subject, I think I can have the honor of stating to you with certainty, that several vessels of the above description, which are mentioned to be schooner-rigged, have sailed lately from the port of Baltimore, whilst others of larger size, even ships of considerable burthen, and completely equipped for war, have sailed from the port of Philadelphia, bound to the possessions of his majesty's enemies in the East as well as West-Indies. It is said, that the object of some of these equipments is to force a trade with the blacks in the Island of St. Domingo, in which attempt the public prints have stated so circumstantially, as to leave no doubt on the subject; that two American vessels have been captured by French cruizers, after making resistance: but I have strong reasons to believe, that the destination of others, particularly from the port of Philadelphia, has been with cargoes of contraband articles to the enemies possessions in the East and West-Indies. Let their destinations, however, be what they may, it cannot I conceive be justly considered, that such armaments, on the part of the citizens of a neutral state, must be attended with consequences prejudicial to a belligerent power, and may therefore be deemed rightly as offensive, for which reason the law of nations has stated one of the first obligations of neutrality to be that of abstaining from all participation in warlike expeditions. The armed vessels alluded to may become the property of the king's enemies, either by capture at sea, or by purchase in the ports to which they are destined, and are thus in readiness to be converted immediately into instruments of hostility against his majesty, whilst in another point of view, they are calculated to protect the vessels, when they are loaded with contraband articles, against the lawful search & detention of a lawfully commissioned cruizer, when the latter shall happen to be of inferior force. Indeed I conceive that it may not be giving too great an extent to the principle of the law of nations, without attending to the nature of the charge, to consider the very arms, ammunition, and other implements of war, with which such vessels are furnished, as contraband articles, when the vessels have been thus equipped without the authority of the nation to which they belong.

I understand, sir, that the armaments in question have, in fact, taken place under no commission or authority whatever from the government of the United States. I have, therefore, thought it my duty to have the honor of making you acquainted with the information that has reached me on this subject, and, if the observations which I have taken the liberty to make upon it should happily be conformable to the sentiments of the American government, I can safely trust to their justice, as well as to their jealousy of observing the most strict neutrality in the present war, to take such measures as shall appear to them the most proper for suppressing the illegal proceedings complained of on the part of those individuals, citizens of the United States, who shall appear to be concerned in them.

I have the honor to be, with high respect and consideration, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed) ANT. MERRY.

The Hon. James Madison,
Secretary of State.

[No. II.]

Extract of a letter from the Charge des Affaires of France, dated 7th May, 1804, *and addressed to the Secretary of State.*

[TRANSLATION.]

The undersigned is informed in a manner, which leaves him no room to doubt it, that the American merchants, who pursue this commerce [meaning the commerce with St. Domingo] publicly arm, in the ports of the United States, vessels which are intended to support by force a traffic contrary to the law of nations, and to repel the efforts which the cruisers of the French Republic are authorised to make in order to prevent it. These armaments have also for their object to cover the conveyance of munitions to the revolted of that colony. The government of the United States cannot be ignorant of these facts which are public; the consequences thereof have already been manifested in the West Indies, where the public papers advise that there have been actions between the French cruisers and American vessels carrying on this commerce.

In considering the matter merely under the view of the law of nations, it is manifest that American citizens, under the very eyes of their government, carry on a private and partial war against a power with which the United States are at peace. The undersigned would be wanting in his duty if he did not vindicate, under such circumstances, the rights and dignity of his government which are openly injured, and if he did not call the attention of Mr. Madison to the disagreeable reflection which the French government would have a right to make if the silence of the local authorities, respecting acts of this nature should be limited by the government of the United States.

The French government certainly could not see without a profound regret, that after having given to the United States the most marked proofs of the desire to place the good understanding of the two nations upon the most immoveable foundations, by abandoning national interests which might have eventually produced collisions, individual interest should now be permitted to compromit this good understanding. Its regret would be still much greater, if, when the dignity and the safety of France are openly injured in the United States, by their citizens, the American government should preserve, respecting these violations, a silence, which would appear to offer an excuse, and even a sort of encouragement, to all the excesses which cupidity may attempt. Beside that the peace of the two nations cannot but be seriously compromitted by the proceedings of the individuals, and by the reprisals to which they must necessarily lead, this state of things would infallibly tend to diminish the amicable disposition, which the two governments wish to cultivate.

[No. III.]

New-York, Sept. 6th, 1804.

SIR,

The sufferings of innocent individuals, induce me to the liberty I now take of submitting the following statement to your consideration.

In the month of June last, I dispatched the ship Hopewell, Preserved Sisson, master, and the brig Rockland, Akins, master, with suitable cargoes, destined for Aux-Cayes, in the island of Hispaniola; the former armed for defence, with twelve six pound cannon and two twelve pounders, with small arms, &c. &c.

a crew of thirty-five in number, besides passengers: the latter with eight six pounders, small arms, &c. and a crew of twenty in number, besides passengers. gularly cleared at the custom-house of this district, and sailed on their intended voyage on the 17th of June. In the prosecution of which, they were met with and captured by a privateer belonging to individuals of the island of Guadaloupe, whither they were carried and their crews put into close confinement. I beg leave to refer you to the documents enclosed, for the particulars of the situation in which those unfortunate men are placed. And have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) GEO. BARNEWALL.

James Madison, Esq.

(COPY.)

George Barnewall, Esq.

SIR,

No doubt ere this you have heard of the capture of the Hopewell, and brig Rockland. Owing to S. W. and S. S. W. winds, was obliged to go to the eastward of Bermuda. In lat 27, 38, long. 61, 57, on the 30th of June, at 3 A. M. saw a brig which appeared to be dogging us, and at day-light she bore down upon us, hoisted an English ensign and fired a gun to leeward. we were then under all the sail we could set; but finding she came up with us very fast, we hoisted American colors and fired a gun to leeward and shortened sail. I hailed the Rockland, and desired captain Akins to keep on our lee bow and near us, as I wished to speak the privateer first, and know what he was, before we attempted any thing; she was then on our weather quarter. The Rockland not keeping in her station, dropping more to leeward, and nearly on our lee quarter, the privateer was then almost within hail of us, but immediately up helm and run along side the Rockland and commenced firing under English colors, which was returned from the brig: the privateer being between us and the brig prevented my firing until I got in a situation to fire clear of the Rockland which was in less than a moment, when we commenced firing to the best advantage we could. The Rockland fired only one broadside and some musquetry when she was boarded, they only left three men on board: sheered off and gave us a broadside and attempted to board us, but was repulsed by our quarter gun pikes and musketry; they they then kept clear of our pikes and played continually with all their men with nothing but musketry, our men seeing their shipmates falling most of the landsmen quit their quarters.

The privateer seeing this attempted the second time to board us by cutting our nettings, and overpowered us by numbers; was obliged to haul down our colours and quit the deck, otherwise be cut to pieces. —We had three badly, and two slightly wounded; the first who fell was poor Mr. Bird, he was standing near me, he received one ball through his body and one thro' his head, and never after spoke a word. I begged him some time before to go below and prepare his papers, he said they were already prepared, and would not quit the deck, in consequence of which all his papers were found. It was not my intention to engage the privateer unless I tho't we were sure of getting clear, but the Rockland commencing so quick, I could not then avoid it, but even had we suffered them to board us, they would have made a prize of us. The passengers on board were sufficient to condemn us, upwards of 100 letters were found with them, directed to different parts of St. Domingo, and among the passengers there were two noted generals, who were well known by the Frenchmen; and among Mr. Bird's papers were found instructions from Mr. Lapeire, pointing out the whole plan of the voyage; many other letters were found with Mr. Bird's papers, all of which tended to condemn the ship, which they shewed me at Point Petre, when I was examined.

When they boarded us, nothing saved our lives but they thinking we were English, and asked us how we dare engage under American colours, and did not believe we were Americans even after we arrived. After the Rockland was boarded, we engaged the privater close on board forty minutes. When the black General, a passenger, found we were captured, he ran below with a pistol, with an intention to blow the ship up, and with much difficulty we prevented it; he set all the cartridges on fire in the cabin and steerage, which were in pouch tubs, and only my having the magazine scuttle over saved the ship and our lives; when he found he could not blow up the ship, he put the pistol to his head and blew his own brains out. The privateer took out all the passengers, officers, and men, except myself, carpenter, two boys, and one of our men badly wounded. The privateer continued with us until we arrived in this port, which was on the 17th July, and were immediately put all together in a most miserable prison, with nothing to eat but stinking beef and coarse bread, and very short even of that. They will not suffer me to see any Americans, nor have any communication with any body. There is a schooner called the Snake in the Grass, bought in New York, and fitted out at Salem, with 5 guns, taken and brought here a few days before; one of the mates is allowed to go out at times, and this was the only opportunity I had to write. They say that orders have gone to America that every vessel bound to St. Domingo, if taken, shall be treated as pirates. God only knows what they mean to do with us. I beg you will do all in your power to get our government to claim us, otherwise I do not know what they may do; they seem to be inveterate against the Americans, and even told me every ship and captain's names that were armed from New York.

Capt. Akens had his mate killed and one man, and several wounded, himself wounded, and died at this place on the 23d instant.

The schooner Snake in the Grass, was commanded by James Maasfield who is now in prison, with all his men; the vessel will be condemned, although they did not fire a shot. As no protest can be made here, I thought it best to let the officers sign this letter with me; several large privateers are getting ready to go down the Bite after the Americans; the privateer that took us was the brig Frebriskey, capt. Antwan, with ten long French sixes, two twelve pound cannonades, one long eighteen pounder, and a hundred and fifty men.

The French seem to be very inveterate against the Americans, and insult us as they pass the prison. All that I can say more is to request you to do what you can with our government, to claim us as Americans. I hope when the manner the French privateer engaged us under English colors is considered, it will be a sufficient reason for them to claim us. All that I can say more is that your ship and property was defended with spirit until overpowered by number.

I am, sir,
With respect,
Your most obedient servant.

(Signed)
P. SISSON,
MAHLON BENNET,
JAMES ROSS, Junr.

Guadaloupe, Point-Petre,
July 26, 1804.

N. B. You will please to excuse any fault in this letter, as I am so closely watched.

State of New-York, United States of America, ss.

(L. S.)

I William Popham, notary public, duly admitted and sworn, dwelling in the city of New York and having power by commission under the great seal of the state of New York, to attest deeds, wills and other writings, and also to administer oaths and grant certificates thereof, do hereby certify, declare and make known unto all persons to whom these presents shall come, or may in any wise concern, that the foregoing is a just, true and perfect copy of an original letter, (whereof it purports to be a copy) this day handed to me by George Barnewall of the city of New York, merchant, in order to have a notarial copy made thereof, I, the said notary having carefully compared and examined the said copy, with the said original letter, and found the same to agree therewith word for word, and figure for figure. And I, the said notary, do hereby further certify and declare, that the day of the date thereof before me personally came and appeared, Dominick Purcell, of the said city of New York, gentleman, who being by me duly sworn, did solemnly depose and declare, that he was well acquainted with the hand writings and signatures of Preserved Sisson, the master, and Mahlon Bennet the first mate of the ship Hopewell, of this port, and that he verily believes the names "P. Sisson, and Mahlon Bennet" set and subscribed to the said original letters, are of the respective hand writing and signatures of the said Preserved Sisson, and Mahlon Bennet.

And he further deposeth and saveth, that James Ross, junior, who hath also Signed the said original letter, sailed from this port in the capacity of second mate of the said ship Hopewell, and further he saith not.

(Signed)
DOMINICK PURCELL.

Of all which I the said notary do now make this public act, that the same may serve and be of full force and value as of right shall appertain.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Dominick Purcell hath subscribed the foregoing deposition, and I, the said notary, have hereto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal of office at the city of New York, the twenty first day of August, in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the twenty ninth.

(Signed)
WILLIAM POPHAM,
Notary Public.

Alexandria Daily Advertiser.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Departed this life, on the 31 instant, at Watertown, (Massachusetts) Mr. THOMAS PATTEN, in the 73 year of his age: a man whose exemplary life rendered him dear to those who are left to lament his loss.

Extract of a letter, dated
"Londonderry, Nov. 27.

"We think it our duty to apprize you, that within the last few days have arrived here from Riga seven vessels, bringing 6555 barrels of flax seed, and advice that several more were taken up and loading; we cannot ascertain how many; but from all the information we have collected, we are inclined to think there may be at this port, of Riga seed, something between 12 and 14000 barrels for sale in the spring. Are sorry, however, to mention a circumstance that operates more against the sale of American seed, than even the large supply we have mentioned, namely, the very short and indifferent crops of flax produced from the latter this harvest; they are universally complained of, and all most the only good crops are from the Riga seed. About 200 hhds. of old seed remain on hand here."

From LLOYD's LISTS to December 12, received at the office of the Mercantile Advertiser.

DECEMBER 6.

At Clyde, Entylinob, Miller, from Virginia. The Two Generals, Biffon, from Liverpool for Virginia, is returned to Liverpool, having been on shore. The Rebecca, Frazer, from Norfolk, is arrived at Cadiz in a very disabled state, having sprung a leak four days after leaving the port, and was obliged to throw a part of her cargo overboard. The Morning Star is sunk on the Spit of the North Bull; crew saved. The Hamburgh Packet, Steadman; and the General Wayne, Corklin, were on shore in the Evdor, 28th ult. but expected to be got off.

8th—At Yarmouth, Louisiana, Eden, Leghorn. At Lisbon, Hawke, Bacon, Baltimore; Venus, Bunce, New York. At Cadiz, Silvia, Richardson, Norfolk; Betsey, Richards, do. Williams, Carow, Philadelphia. At London, Flora, Sterling, New York, to sail 15th; Protectress, Everet, Norfolk, 3d. At Bristol, American, Haswell, New York, 15th; Concord, Rogers, Virginia 9th. At Liverpool, Flora, Bethnal, Norfolk, 7th. At Greenock, Francis, Mathews, New York 5th; Mary Ann, Ingalls, Charleston, 10th. At Cork, Diana, Holbrook, Amsterdam.

December 10th.

At London, Everet, Virginia. Sailed from Liverpool; Josiah Collins, Dalton, New York; Intrepid, Efteed, Savannah. The American ship Venus, Cunningham, from Baltimore struck on the Haaks of the Texel in the night between the 17th and 18th ult but by the assistance of boats, after unloading a part of the cargo, has been got off and brought into the River Diep.

The Amphion, Welsh from New York to Amsterdam, struck on the Haaks at the Texel on the night between the 17th and 18th ult. and after some part of the cargo had been taken out, filled with water and went to pieces; crew saved. The American ship Polly, Brown, of Baltimore, has put back to the Texel, but will sail again the first opportunity.

December 12.

At Lisbon, Ohio, Hall, New York; Romulus, Nicholson, Philadelphia. At Falmouth, Lady Arabella Packet, Fortescue, New York.

Cowes, December 9.

Arrived, brig Little James, Hutchings, from Boston, for orders.

Deal December 10.

Arrived, and sailed again for the River, the ship London Packet, M'Dougal, in 37 days from Philadelphia.

We learn, say the Editors of the New York Gazette, by the schooner Nancy, from Norfolk, that the French frigate *Le President*, has sailed from Hampton Roads. It will be recollected, that this is the frigate that has so long been blocked up in the Chesapeake by a British man of war of equal force.

From a late Clonmel Journal.

"Run away last night, my wife, Bridget Coole; she is a tight neat body, and has lost one leg; she was seen riding behind the Priest of the parish through Fermoy, and as we were never married I will pay no debt she does not contract; she lisps with one tooth, and is always talking about failures, and is of no use but to the owner. PHELIM COOLE."

A Gentleman of good character, and qualified to instruct an English School, may get an advantageous situation by application to the teacher of the Academy in this town.

February 12. 2aw

PUBLIC SALE.

BY virtue of two several deeds of trust to the subscriber, will be exposed to sale, at the office house, in the town of Alexandria, on Wednesday, the 29th day of this present month, for ready money, *one equal undivided fifteenth* part of a tract of land in the county of Spotsylvania, containing 18000 acres; commonly called the MINE TRACT:

And immediately thereafter, upon the premises,

Several Lots of Ground,

In the town of Alexandria; lying upon Union, Water, Fairfax, and Queen streets.

James Keith.

February 12. eo3t

VALUABLE PROPERTY.

FOR SALE,

A House and Lot, on Water-street, between Wolfe and Wilkes street; 40 feet front on Water street, running back 88 feet to a 12 feet alley: Also,

A Lot, on Duke-street, between Water and Union streets; 25 and an half feet front on Duke-street, running back 76 feet to an alley. This property will be sold on a short credit, for good negociable paper, and a title clear of all incumbrance will be made, when the purchase money is paid. Apply to Mr. ELLIS PRICE, who will shew the property and make known the terms.

William Jackson.

Nanjemoy, (Maryland) Feb. 7. 2aw

Now or Never!

MUSEUM OF WAX-WORK.

Those who wish to gratify their curiosity, by viewing the WAX WORK, and the INVISIBLE LADY, (now exhibiting at Mr. MOTT's, King-street,) must improve the opportunity; as the proprietor is now on the eve of leaving this city.

☞ *He has reduced the price to 50 cents.*

February 12. d

MR. PIC respectfully informs the Ladies and public in general that he has just received, in addition to his former assortment, some boxes of Artificial Flowers in branches and wreaths, and an assortment of Murry Shoes, with and without heels, embroidered and plain; and also an assortment of men's Hats, which he offers to the public at the most reduced prices.

February 12. d3t

FOR HIRE,

A FEW

Negro BOYS AND GIRLS,

Apply to the Printer.

February 12. e6

PUBLIC SALE.

ON THURSDAY next, the 14th instant, at 10 o'clock, will be sold, at the late dwelling-house of *William Bowling*, near the four mile run,

All the personal Estate of the deceased;

Consisting of two negro men; horses, cows, and hogs; a waggon and gears, and a variety of houshold and kitchen furniture.

A credit will be given on bond and good security.

James Anderson, Adm'r.

February 12. d

Alexandria Library Company.

The members of the Alexandria Library Company, will please to *take notice*, That, on Monday 13th instant an election will be held, at the Council Chamber, for a President and eleven Directors, for the ensuing year; between the hours of three and six, in the afternoon.

James Kennedy, sen. Sec'y.

February 4. 7mw&f

Notice is hereby given,

To those holders of Stock in the Eastern Branch Bridge Company, who have not paid up their several instalments, that, unless immediate payment is made to the Treasurer of said Company, their shares will be proceeded against as the law directs. By order of the Directors,

WILLIAM BRENT, *Treasurer.*

Washington, January 18, 1803. 12aw6w

Cash given for Rags.

ROBERT GRAY,

Bookseller and Stationer, King-Street, Alexandria,

EXPECTS SHORTLY TO RECEIVE,

"Memoirs of the Life, Writings and Correspondence of Sir WILLIAM JONES, by *John Shore*, (now Lord Teignmouth;") well known by his valuable researches in Asiatic Literature. The work will be comprised in one volume, octavo, and embellished with an elegant *Portrait of Sir William Jones* and a *Fac Similie* of his hand writing. Price 275 cents, bound and lettered.

Extract from the Port Folio of November 3d, 1804.

"Messrs. Poyntell, & Co. of this city propose to put to press immediately, Lord Teignmouth's Memoirs of the Life, Writings and Correspondence of Sir WILLIAM JONES. This delightful Biography of a most learned scholar, not more remarkable for the wonderful extent and variety of his talents, than for the consummate diligence with which he exercised, and the noble use to which he applied them, will, we venture to predict, be perused with greater interest, than any work of the class, since the publication of Boswell's Johnson. We have studied it with the most eager curiosity, and with continued satisfaction, and it is our duty to recommend it to every polite scholar, who is willing to be incited and encouraged in the race for literary renown, by the glorious example of Sir WILLIAM JONES, who, in the well balanced words of his elegant Biographer, was equally qualified to explore the Beauties of Nature, the works of art, the discriminations of character, and the productions of science.

LATELY PUBLISHED.

At the "Classic Press,"

By WILLIAM POYNTELL and Co.

Virgil,
Horace,
Cæsar,
and
Sallust,
} in usum Delphini.

THE above mentioned books are all well bound, more correct and more beautifully printed than the London editions, as will appear from the annexed certificates. Ovid in usum Delphini, Murphy's Lucian, Hutchinson's Xenophon, Leuden's Greek & Latin Testament, & Clarke's Homer, are now in progress.

THE proprietors of the Classic Press, having submitted to our inspection such of their editions of the Classics as they have already published, viz. Virgil, Horace, Cæsar, and Sallust; we, having examined them as far as our avocations would permit, in the few days since their publication, do not hesitate to recommend them as preferable to any foreign editions intended for the use of Schools, which have fallen under our notice.

John Andrews, D. D. Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.
James Davidson, Professor of Humanity in the University of Pennsylvania.
James Abercrombie, A. M. one of the Assistant Ministers of Christ Church and St. Peter's, and Principal of the Philadelphia Academy.
Ashbel Green, D. D. Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Benjamin Smith Barton, M. D.
Mathew Carey.
Thomas Dobson,
William P. Farrand.

Princeton, December 25, 1804.

THIS is to certify, that the Faculty of the College of New Jersey; having examined, of the Classics published by Messrs. William Poyntell and Co. the works of Horace, Virgil, Cæsar, and Sallust, have found them much more elegant in the typographical execution, and more correct than the London editions usually vended in the United States, and particularly than the editions of 1799 with which, principally, they have been compared. And the Faculty, happy at seeing such a neat, and accurate specimen of American arts, do cheerfully recommend Messrs. Poyntell and Co's edition of the Classics above-mentioned, to the colleges and schools in the United States.

Samuel S. Smith, President and Professor of Belles Lettres and Moral Philosophy
John Maclean, Professor of Natural Philosophy and Chemistry.
William Thomson, Professor of Languages.
Henry Kollock, Professor of Theology.
Andrew Hunter, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy.
William Neill,
Alfred Ely,
} Tutors.

Certificate from the Right Rev. Doctor Moore, Bishop of the Episcopal Churches of the state of New-York, and President of Columbia College.

An edition of the works of Virgil, Horace, and Sallust, together with Cæsar's Commentaries on the Gallic War, printed by Messrs. Poyntell and Co. in Philadelphia, having been submitted to the inspection of the Faculty of Columbia College in New York,

Resolved,

That in the opinion of this board, the above-mentioned books are neatly & accurately printed, and are hereby recommended accordingly.

By order of the Board.

BENJAMIN MOORE, President.

New-York, Jan. 2. 1805.

R. GRAY

Has already received from the Classic Press,

Virgil, Cæsar, and Sallust,

in usum Delphini, and will be regularly supplied with a part of all its productions, which will be sold by him at the Philadelphia prices, and a liberal discount to those who purchase to sell again.

R. G. has on hand an extensive assortment of BOOKS and STATIONARY, blank books of every description bound in the most elegant manner.

Feb. 6. d

Alexandria Dancing Assemblies.

THE first Assembly will be held at Gadsby's, on Tuesday next, the 12th instant.

February 6.

NOTICE.

THOSE citizens who have not paid their Corporation Taxes, are earnestly requested to pay the same to the subscriber, on or before the 25th day of this month; otherwise their names will appear on the public delinquent list.

George Drinker, Collector.

February 8. d.

NOTICE.

THE Sale of the property of James Douglas, Fairfax county, near the Great Falls of Potomac, whereon his mill lately stood, advertised by me under a decree of the Chancery court of said county to take place on the 20th day of last December, having been unavoidably postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather, I therefore hereby give notice that I shall proceed to sell the same on Friday the 29th day of March next, at 12 o'clock, if fair, if not, the next fair day. The terms will be one third of the purchase money in hand, one third in 12, and one third in 18 months, from the day of sale, and on the completion of the last payment a title will be made to the premises, under the decree above mentioned.

JOHN POTTS, Commissioner.

February 7. eotf

☞ The printers of the Washington Federalist and Frederick-Town Herald are requested to publish the above once a week until the day of sale, and forward their accounts to this office for payment.

For Sale, or Rent for a term of years, or exchange for good well improved property in the town of Alexandria,

THE ESTATE on which the subscriber at present resides; it contains 850 acres of LAND, part of which is in high cultivation, situate on the new turnpike road, distant 6 miles from Alexandria, about 30 acres of meadow, abundance of clover to the scythe, a quantity of choice fruit, well watered and has a considerable proportion of wood land. The improvements (which are mostly new) consist of a good convenient Dwelling House and all the necessary out houses, a Barn 85 by 42 1.2 feet, the outside of which is brick, covered with cypress shingles; stables for 20 horses and 40 cows. Also, a good GRIST MILL, about 150 yards from the door. For particulars apply to

AUG. J. SMITH.

December 28. eo

Young Ladies Boarding and Day SCHOOL.

The inhabitants of Alexandria, are respectfully informed that sudden illness has prevented the commencement of Mrs. O'Riley's ladies Academy, in this city—but being now in a state of convalescence, will as soon as her health permits open her proposed academy, (of which due notice will be given,) where will be taught French and English gramatically; Writing and Arithmetic; History, Geography and the use of the Globes; Music, Drawing and all kinds of work, viz. Embroidery in chenilles, gold silver, silks, &c. comprising figures, historical and ornamental, landscapes, flowers, fruit-bolds, &c. maps wrought in silks, chenilles, girds &c. print work in figures or landscapes; cloths work in fruit, birds, flowers &c. filagre and varnishing in vases, pyramids, baskets, tea tadees, epergnes, &c. grotto and shell work, artificial flowers, tambor and dresden, cross stitch, rent stitch, tapestry, &c. bugle and pearl work, painting on velvet, gauze, silk, vellum, &c. with many other accomplishments to numerous to mention.

Parents and guardians desirous to have an opportunity of an early and accomplished female education, shall meet the completion of their wishes by patronising the proprietors, the greatest attention will be paid to the morals and education of the young ladies, entrusted to their care.

Nov. 20. 2aw

DENEAL'S *Patent Threshing Machine.*

THE subscriber having invented a machine, (for which he has obtained a patent) for threshing all kinds of grain, particularly wheat and those kinds of grain most difficult to be separated from straw, stem, or chaff, takes the liberty of recommending the same to his fellow citizens as worthy their attention. The subscriber is well aware that the public attention has often been solicited to inventions for threshing wheat, and it has been lamented that those inventions have often fallen short of the desired effect, but from an actual experiment which has been made on the one now offered to the public, the Inventor is emboldened to recommend it in terms of confidence and a well grounded expectation of its becoming of great profit and utility both to the farmer and manufacturer. This machine is constructed upon entire new principles, its operation is by flails, encircled by a cylinder, moved by friction wheels, and can with ease be regulated so that no straw shall pass off before the grain is entirely threshed out of it. It is worked by two horses, and so geared that their speed will not exceed the rate of three miles per hour and the draught moderate nor does it require more than two persons to attend it. The straw is delivered at one part and the wheat at another, perfectly screened and fanned ready for market; the shrivelled wheat, cockles, &c. are deposited by themselves, and the chaff also, so that no mixture takes place. This machine will thresh at the rate of from fifteen to twenty bushels per hour, is not subject, if properly built, to get out of repair, and is kept under cover will last many years. The wheat prepared for market by this machine is worth to the manufacturer considerably more than that got out in the usual mode of treading, and the cost of the machine will not exceed from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars.

The subscriber will grant permits to use his threshing machine and furnish a drawing or written description by which it can be executed for fifty dollars each, or any person can view the one he has erected at his mills near Dumfries, Virginia, so as to enable them to erect one from

The subjoined certificates being from gentlemen whose good understandings and steady habits entitle them to respect, and some of whom being persons of scientific knowledge, he hopes will be sufficient to recommend his machine to public use; he will also contract for the privilege of using his machine in any particular state.

Letters post paid directed to him at Dumfries, Virginia, will be duly attended to.

JAMES DENEALE, Jun.

Dumfries, Dec. 3 1804.

Dumfries, 30th Oct. 1804.

We, the underwritten, inhabitants of the town of Dumfries and its vicinity, having frequently attended experiments made with a machine invented by Mr. James Deneale, of the Quantico Mills, near this place, for the purpose of threshing out wheat, have no hesitation in giving our united testimony in support of the usefulness which will result to the community from this excellent invention. As Mr. Deneale is about to apply to the proper authority for a patent when the construction will be generally diffused, we deem it unnecessary to add more on the subject.

Jno. Macrae,	David Boyle,
James Read,	Bernard Gallager,
Hector Alexander,	William Smith,
Jno. Gibson,	William Farrow,
George Smith,	Joseph Gilbert,
Alex. Henderson,	Thomas Chapman,
Luke Cannon,	A. Sowden.

Occoquan, 30th Oct. 1804.

Being called on by James Deneale of Dumfries, in the state of Virginia to view a threshing Machine of his invention and executed by himself, for which he is about to obtain a patent, I waited on him, but went with prejudice against all threshing machines heretofore invented, having never seen or heard of one that answered a good purpose, and hardly thought it likely that this should be much superior to those which had preceded it; but contrary to my expectation it did its work perfectly leaving not a grain of wheat in the heads, nor even any chaff on the grain, it made no difference whether the wheat (in the straw) was put into the machine in a straight or in a tangled state, it delivered the straw well, and did not appear difficult to manage nor so complicated as to be hard to keep in repair; it threshed, while I stood by, nine dozen sheves of wheat, (such as two dozen in common crafons would have made a bushel) in sixteen minutes, so that I have no doubt it will thresh fifteen to eighteen bushels an hour with two horses to draw it, and two hands to attend it with much ease to the hands and horses with the assistance of a common Dutch fan placed under the machine, which would be turned with and by the machine, the wheat might be rendered nearly fit for market, with only the expence of two hands and two horses working at leisure at the rate abovementioned of fifteen to eighteen bushels an hour, clear from dirt or filth of any kind. And as most Millers would find it to their interest to give 3d to 6d per bushel more for wheat got out in this way than that got out in the ridiculous mode of reading with horses on the dirt; I can with confidence and on the principle of doing to others as should with others to do to me, recommend this machine to all considerable farmers as worthy their most serious attention and adoption. Seeing the farmers generally in this state not get for their wheat within 6d. to 1s. per bushel of what the northern farmers get at market, I attribute the cause to the difference in management only.

N. ELLICOTT.

Dec. 10.

IN COMMON COUNCIL,

5th February, 1805.

ORDERED,

That public notice be given, that proposals will be received from persons desirous of undertaking the superintendance of the NEW POOR HOUSE; the proposals to be lodged with the Clerk of the Council previous to the first Tuesday in March next.

Ordered, That [illegible] and Jonah Thompson, Thomas Irwin and John Janney, be a committee to examine and settle the public accounts for the present year.

Ordered, That the following persons be appointed commissioners for superintending the elections to be held in the several wards of the town, on Tuesday, the 5th day of March next, for the choice of members of the Common Council, for the ensuing year, viz.

Samuel Harper,
John Hunter, and
George Slacum,
} for the first ward.

John C. Herbert,
Joseph Hindle, and
James M'Guire,
} for the second ward.

John Dundas,
William Reily, and
John M. Kinney.
} for the third ward.

Able Janney.
Isaac Gibson, and
Thomas Cook,
} for the fourth ward.

The election for the first ward to be held at James Davidson's tavern, on Prince street.

For the second ward, at the court house.

For the third ward, at John Hodgkin's tavern, on King street.

For the fourth ward, at Mr. May's house, opposite Thomas Cook's, on Prince street.

Test. JAMES M. McREA, C. C.

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JAMES KENNEDY, SEN.

At the Alexandria Library—King-Street,

Expects to receive by the first arrivals from Philadelphia,

Memoirs of the Life, Writings and correspondence of the late Sir William Jones, of Calcutta,

Justly celebrated for his valuable researches in Asiatic Literature, the extent of his genius, and for every amiable quality which can adorn the character of the Scholar and polite Gentleman—

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Feb. 7. eo6t

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I WISH to sell fifty or seventy acres of LAND, lying on the main turnpike road, about two miles from the Alexandria market house: on which place there is a square log cabin. This place in point of situation, is inferior to none on said road; it has also an excellent never failing spring of water. For further particulars please apply to the subscriber living near the Cammeron mills.

William Turner.

January 2. eo

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THAT most pleasantly situated HOUSE and LOT, lately occupied by Mr. Alexander Henderson, Jun. There is on the premises, an excellent garden, a new stable, in short every convenience for the residence of a genteel family. For terms apply to the subscriber or the present proprietor Mr. James Ross, of Fredericksburg.

JAMES PATTON.

Nov. 22. eo

The Subscriber intends soon to sail from Alexandria in the brig Rebecca, captain Mark Batts, for the West Indies.

George Walker.

Washington City, Jan. 31, 1805. d